

REMARKS

Claims 2, 3, 19 and 23-26 and 28-37 are pending. Claims 2 and 29 are hereby amended. This is an Amendment after Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. 1.312 and MPEP §714.16. No new matter has been presented. That is, applicants request entry of the amendments to claims 2 and 29 to employ the term “planarized” in place of “substantially flat surface” consistent with the specification, e.g., at paragraphs [0088], [0315] and [0316] of the published application.

This amendment in accordance with MPEP §714.16: (1) is needed for proper disclosure or protection of the applicants' invention, and (2) requires no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Patent Office.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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